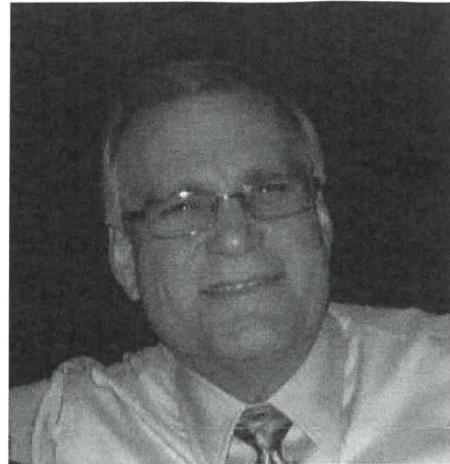


Hello,

My name is Tim Unruh, SDA and I am running for a seat in the 2017 SDRMA Board of Directors election. I have been the District Manager of the Kern County Cemetery District for the past 30 years which consists of two cemeteries, including Shafter Memorial Park and Wasco Memorial Park. I am also a Director for the Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District which covers 1,657 square miles of Kern County. My education includes a B.A. in Ag-Business with an emphasis in Economics from Tabor College with postgraduate work in Business from Cal State – Bakersfield.



Previously, I was a representative for what is now Network 4 when I was elected to the CSDA Board of Directors in 2002. I chaired the CSDA Legislation Committee for 2003 and currently sit on the Legislation Committee.

In 2015, our District was the recipient of the SDRMA Earl Sayre "Excellence in Safety" award. This was accomplished through hard work and training. My desire is to take that same hard work and commitment to work for all special districts as a Director on the SDRMA board.

What I will contribute as a SDRMA Director is to be actively involved by advocating for special districts in California. Each of our districts, whether small or large, have insurance needs that impact us. These needs must be listened to and I want to work through SDRMA to do just that. Together, our involvement in SDRMA has created the ability to work as a cohesive body that can help special districts with their insurance. As a group, this allows for a greater impact to work for the issues of special districts. I understand what it means to wear multiple hats as both a General Manager and a Director. I know the difficulties that face special districts every day. I feel I can add a dimension to the SDRMA board that will help with the decisions this board will consider.

I also understand the need for continuing education for districts to stay on top of the legislation and requirements that come out of Sacramento. I have a General Safety Specialist Certification from SDRMA and a Special District Administrator Certification from CSDA. I have taken advantage of various education programs. I have seen the positive results from education and will be involved to promote more district participation in what SDRMA offers.

I want to encourage you to vote in this SDRMA election and to thank you for your vote for me as well as the opportunity to work for your special district on the SDRMA Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Unruh
General Manager
Kern County Cemetery District

